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SUBJECT: BAHRAINI CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR FIRMS
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1. IT IS TRUE THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF BAHRAIN REQUIRES BOTH BAHRAINI AND FOREIGN FIRMS TO SUBMIT NAMES OF ALL BOARD OF DIRECTOR MEMBERS AS WELL AS THEIR PLACES AND DATES OF BIRTH. ONE INTENT OF THIS REQUIREMENT IS PRECISE IDENTIFICATION OF OWNERSHIP AND MANAGERIAL CONTROL. ANOTHER IS THE NEED, IN CONFORMANCE WITH BAHRAINI LAW, TO DETERMINE CLEARLY WHETHER A FIRM IS "FOREIGN" OR "LOCAL".

2. WE KNOW OF NO CASE OF THE GOB DECLINING TO PERMIT ANY FOREIGN FIRM TO REGISTER IN BAHRAIN FOR PURPOSES OF OPENING A BRANCH OFFICE FOR LOCAL BUSINESS OR FOR REGIONAL REPRESENTATIONAL PURPOSES SO LONG AS IT COMPLIED PROCEDURALLY WITH PUBLISHED STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS. IT GOES WITHOUT SAYING, THEREFORE, THAT NO FOREIGN FIRM HAS BEEN TURNED DOWN ON THE BASIS OF THE NATIONAL ORIGIN OF MEMBERS OF ITS BOARDS.

3. FYI. BAHRAIN HAS A HISTORY OF SOCIAL LIBERALITY AND WE SEE NO SIGNS OF ITS CHANGING. THAT IS TO SAY IT HAS NOT AND DOES NOT DISCRIMINATE AGAINST INDIVIDUALS ON THE BASIS OF THEIR ETHNIC,
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RELIGIOUS OR NATIONAL ORIGIN, AND ITS CITIZEN BUSINESS COMMUNITY

IS NOTABLE IN THAT BAHRAIN'S CITIZENS OF SEVERAL ETHNIC ORIGINS
AND RELIGIOUS FAITHS ARE PROMINENTLY REPRESENTED.
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